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SUBJECT: THE SOVIETS AND THE KOREAN ISSUE

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1. PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY VYACHESLAV RUZUVAEV JULY 28 IS DEVOTED TO KOREA, AND RAISES THE LEVEL OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN REJECTION OF SECRETARY'S FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE PROPOSAL SLIGHTLY, BUT WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM OBLIQUE, PRO FORMA NOTE SOUNDED IN PREVIOUS TREATMENT (MOSCOW 11755, 11821). RAZUVAEV SAYS SOVIET PEOPLE "DECISIVELY SUPPORT KOREAN PATRIOTS FIGHTING TO LIVE IN UNIFIED STATE" AND THAT "KOREAN PATRIOTS' GOAL OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE MOTHERLAND HAS SUPPORT OF ALL FOR WHOM PEACE, SECURITY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IS DEAR," BUT CITES DPRK SOURCES ONLY FOR REJECTION OF U.S. PROPOSAL AND FOR ASSESSMENT OF IT AS "ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN AMERICAN PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA AND MANEUVER TO DISTURB ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRM AND LASTING PEACE IN KOREAN PENINSULA."

2. COMMENT. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT USSR, LIKE OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES, WILL NOT CHANGE POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE IN UN, BUT WE BELIEVE DEMARCHE HERE MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE
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